IDIOTIC BLASPHEMY.

MRS, MARTIN POSING AS A SPIRITUAL CHRIST

And the Head of a New Religious Craze, the Victims of Which tannot Resist Her Influence.

HER SISTER, MRS. BROOKE, AS THE HOLY GHOST.

And Second Leaders of a Band of Fanaties Who Are Trying to Live Without Sin.

In its issue of Sunday last, the 18th the Cincinnati Enquirer says that during the past year numerous meetings of a mysterious character have been held at the residence of Mrs. Martin and Mrs. J. F. Brooke, a of Mrs. Martin, on Walnut All sorts of queer stories were circulated by the gossips, who in-sisted that the services were of a de-cidedly sacrilegious nature. The numattendants on the meetings reached thiry, among the group being many heretofore prominent in church work. Through the efforts of an Enquirer repor er, aided by others, the truth has been brought to light, and the ugly rumors sent broadcast have been confirmed.

MRS MARTIN IS WORSHIPED AS JESUS CHRIST,

and Mrs Brooke, her sister, is venerated as the Holy Ghost, by a little band of misguided people. A day or two ago, John Cook, employed at the auditor's office of the Adams Express Company, reported for duty after several days' abrence. He was an exemplary young man, and no thought that been on a spree entered the mind of his employer.

Where have you been Cook?" was 'I had a call of dufy."

"God had work for me to perform, and Lehouldn't neglect it. "How do you expect to get a liv

It will be provided just as the spiritual food from Heaven."
Cook declared that he lived in another sphere from the rest of the world. There was nothing here good enough for him, and he leit perfectly happy. The deluded young man received his wages and departed. His brother, who works for the same company, is very much troubled about the matter. He told the Enquirer that both his brother and sister had become

FOLLOWERS OF MES. MARTIN, and that it was impossible to convince them of the folly of their conduct. Their parents are at a loss what to do, and have almost given up in despair. Cook is a nice looking fellow about 25 years of age, and until carried away by this fanaticism was a faithful employe. Another case of similar character is that of Edward S. Jerome, head bookkeeper of the branch house of D. Appleton & Co., on Elm street. He abandoned his place some time since, at the dictation, it is claimed by his friends, of Mrs. Martin, who has a marvelous and absolute power over her subjects. Jerome was recaiving a salary of \$1800 per annum, and was entirely correct in his accounts. The man is about 28 years of age, intelligent and of pleasing address.

Last night, as has been the case every night for several weeks, a meeting of the faithful was held at the residence of Mrs. J. was held at the residence of Mrs. J. F. Brooke, on Park avenue, Walnut The beautiful residence is situated on an eminence, and is approached by a spacious lawn. Seated on the front porch, which was lighted only by the pale moon, were a num-ber of ladies and gentlemen engaged in quiet conversation. Within the front rooms were dark, but in the rear two rooms were brilliantly lighted on opposite sides of the halt. People moved constant'y from one room to another, and there was an air of mys tery about the surroundings which impressed the Enquirer man,

THE POLLOWERS OF MRS. MARTIN now number at least thirty one, and among the most prominent are the following, who are well known in so-

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Brooke, Walnut

Dr. Julia Carpenter, Walnut Hills. Miss Lillie Carpenter, Walnut Hills. Miss Emma Black, Walnut Hills. Judge William Worthington, Walnut Hills Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Sherwood,

Walnut Hills. Mrs, Flora Miller, Walnut Hills

Miss Mazie Andress, Walnut Hills, Mrs. Thomas H. Foulds, Seventh and E m streets, city. M as Hewitt, city.

Mrs. Crocker, city. S. Jerome, city. Mr. John Cook, city. Miss Cook, city

Mis: Sheppard, Wainut Hills. These people, all of whom belong to good families, are entirely carried wav by the inexplicable power of Mrs. Martin.

ONE OF THE GREATEST ENTRUSIASTS is Mirs Man'e Andress, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S Ardress, of Walnut Hills. She was one of Mrs. Martin's first converts, and has become entirely ab sorbed in the fanaticism. Her mother is almost overwhelmed with sorrow at her daughter's conduct. She has used every art to turn her from her purpose, Mrs. Andrees has, in her anxiety, often been on the point of hiring a detective to investigate the doings in the mysterious meetings, but the law will not permit a private dwelling to be invaded unless some crime has been committed, and no such charge has ever been laid at the door of the Martinites.

THE PARENTS OF THE MISGUIDED YOUNG LADY

openly express their opinion on the subject, Said Mrs. Andress: "I am lief greatly werried about Mazie. She is "I During the last two weeks those meetings have been going on every night, and even during the day. The whole crowd sre almost crazy. My daughter hardly eats anything, and talks very warily about the 'perfect'

"Does she ever tell you anything about their doctrines?" "Something. They believe that the millennium is coming through Mrs. Martin, who is Gcd manifested in the flesh. She says that everybody will have to believe in her after awhile, and that Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Brooke are the only perfect women in the orld. They get around the question, 'Christ is a man and Mis. Martin a woman, how can she be Him,' by say-

There are no sexes in Heaven Miss Andress and, in fact, all the disciples of the new Christ, go about mumbling hymps and doing other pe-

4th the Perfect had a picnic at Eden Park, for which Miss Andress baked sixty-two cakes. The others contrib uted their share of the eatables. Every one of the converts has severed his or her connection with church. A majority of this sect were formerly Methodiats, but few, notably the Carpenters, were Congregationalists. The antipathy of the Martinites to the other religious denominations has doubtless provoked many of the un pleasant stories told about them.

MR AND MRS, J. F. BROOKS The exact relation which Mrs. B. sustains to the strange religion cannot be exactly determined. It is certain that she nolds a place second only to her sister, Mrs. Martin. From information gleaned it is reasonable to suppose that she is little short of a deity. Outsiders declare that the Holy Ghost is made manifest through Mrs. Brooke, but this statement lacks confirmation. Mrs. Andress and others, however, declare that she is a perfect woman, sanctified and beyond possibility of sin. Mr. Brooke follows his wife in the enterprise. He is a man of intelligence and influence, and was class leader and trustee in the Walnut Hills Methodist Episcopal Church. A member of that congregation, who ought to know, stated that Mr. Brooke was deprived of his office because of his failure to attend church. presumably on account of his infatuation with the tenets of the "Per-fect" and elect under the leader-hip of his sister in law and wife Mrs. John B. Martin, who is described as a medium sized woman, of an active, nervous temperament. She is fervent to such an extent that her religious views are carried into the most ordinary affairs of life. Her personal appearance is rather prepossessing, and she is /a devoted wife and mother.

HER HUSBAND it is reported, takes no stock in the to called deffication of his wife. He is a strict Methodist and well known adherent of the Prohibition party, having been a candidate for Congress in the First District two years ago. It was customary in the early days of the movement to hold the services at the different homes of the faithful, but principally at Mrs. Martin's residence. The little band graw to such proportions that it he was a present to find tions that it became necessary to find larger rooms, and Mrs. Brooke tendered her house, which for several weeks has been the regular meeting place. It is not asserted that Mrs. Martin proclaims herself to be Christ in the spirit, but that her followers are grounded firmly in that belief is a fixed fact. The neighbors of the Martins relate strange tales about them. One of these is that when one of the children was very sick Mr. Martin wanted to send for a doctor, but his wife remonstrated. The little one was in God's hands and he would take care of it. She predicted that if a physician came in the house the child would die, but Mr. Martin, unconvinced, sent for a doctor, and the prophecy of Mrs. Martin came to pass, for the infant died. This incident was used by the elect as conclusive proof divine character. Whatever the world outside of the coterie of fa-natics may think of Mrs. Martin, she surely exercises an irresistible power over her disciples, who would obey her every wish without a murmur. If she directs them, Christ's Spirit acting through her, they joyfully do the

MRS. MARTIN A SANCTIFICATIONIST. The so called spiritual Christ is well known on Walnut Hills. She was before her marriage Miss Hannah Supple, of Philadelphia, Pa. She came west with her father and mother, who father and mother are also devotees at the shrine of their God like daughter. H. M. Supple, a brother, is a citizen of Cumminsville. Mrs. Martin was married to John B. Martin about ten years ago. She is now between 34 and 35 years of age. A prominent gentleman. who was formerly a beau of Mrs. Martin's, says that she is a woman of only ordinary intelligence, but a glib talker

and wonderfully well posted on the Bible, being able to quote passages of Scripture on nearly every question. She is subject to violent nervous excitement, and has on several occasions been almost frantic in revivals. Mrs. Martin is a woman of isms. She was several years ago a firm believer in sanctification, a peculiar tenet held by some members of the Methodist church, and latterly she was a zealot in the faith cure mania. The lady is eccentric to a notable degree, and her present wild fancies, which have so deeply per-meated others, seem to be the logical outcome of her previous strange no-

THE RISTORY OF THE PRESENT RELIGIOUS MOVEMENT. which is, in the minds of its disciples bound to redeem the world, is closely intwined with the religious career of its leader. All the perfect were "sanctificationists," and many of them were carried away by the faith cure. It is quite difficult to clearly define the faith of the Martinites, except to the extent that they regard Mrs. Martin as their divine teacher, through whom God is revealed, and that her sister, Mrs. Brooke, the only other perfect woman that has ever lived, as that part of the Trinity which theologians designate as the Holy Ghost. Yesterday afternoon the faithful met at the Booke residence. The entire band, with one or two exceptions, were present. Several ladies and gentlemen, among them Mrs. Flora Miller, Miss Maggie Andress, Mr. Brooke and Miss Nellie Devenhoff, whose name was omitted yesterday, were seated on the shady portice which runs across the front of the house. They were found in parties of two and three, and were

evidently engaged in conversation. THE PERFECTIONIST DOCTRINE.

"What," said an Enquirer reporter to Mrs. Miller, who is recognized as one of the most intelligent and enthuof the peculiar sect, "is the foundation doctrine of your new be-

"I'll tell you in a nutshell," replied ent from home nearly all the time. Mrs. Miller, and thereupon she procseded with a confused statement which a Philadelphia lawyer could not make intelligible. She claimed that people can live without sin for if they cannot, God's moral universe is a fail ure. He holds us responsible for that which we are unable to avoid. The preachers and churches declare that sin must exist in every one, and on this point the "Perfect" severed their connection with all denominations which promulgate such a pernicious doctrine. Mrs. Miller and her coreligionists claim to live perfect lives. The lady said: "Death is the result of sin; where there is no sin there can be no death, and we shall not die. "How about Mrs. Martin, is she di-

Mrs. Miller rather hesitated and was confused, for this is dangerous ground. Finally she responded to the question: 'We think Mrs. Martin has lived a cuniar things. They never take their friends to the meetings, which are not rest of us and is best fitted to be our for the worldly man or woman. July teacher. She is the most perfect-in known.

fact, the only perfect woman that ever lived."

'Do you believe that she is Christ'
"N-o, but she is possessed of H "N-o, but she is possessed of H spirit, and He speaks through her."

"And Mrs. Brooke"-Just at this interesting juncture Mrs. Miller was called in the house to participate in the mysterious services which were held at frequent intervals during the day and until early mora-ing. Mrs. Miller admitted during her far from lucid explanation of her faith that none but the perfect could enter their as emblies, and she avoided saying anything as to their nature and character.

UNFAVORABLE REMARKS AND SUSPICIONS Much untavorable remark has been caused by the secrecy with which the coterie carry on their proceedings. For all the uninitiated know, the wild-est fetishes and incantations prevail, but the splendid social standing of Mrs. Martin's thirty worshipers pre-cludes the possibility of anything of that character. Yet, there are those who have serious doubts that everything is equare. If the devotees of the two women would but lift the veil to allow ekeptics to peer behind the curtains unjust suspicions would per-haps vanish. The Martinites profess to be guided by the light of the truta, but no Marchic Lodge on earth is more exacting in its requirements for admission than the coteries of Perfect or Sanctified Saints on Walnut Hills. Several believers whose names were not obtainable yesterday are here

Mr. Andress, whose name is not in Mr. Henry Thompson, of Walnut

Mis. Downing, of Walnut Hills.
Miss Amelia Dornhoff, clerk in
Alms & Doepke's store. Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard, of Wainut

Mr. and Mrs. Supple, mother and father of Mrs. Martin, and Mrs. Brooke.

Not the least impressive feature among the fanatics is the close bond of friendship or infatuation which binds them to each other as well as their oracle, Mrs. Martin. They will not associate with any one outside the society, and they never visit their old friends as was customary before the frenzy seized them. It is a practice among them to exchange photographs, which are usually preserved in an album and hidden away from the most intinate members of the deluded enthusiasts' family. It is stated by the mother of one of the young ladies in-volved in the superstitious folly, that during the past week her daughter has only been home once, and then she remained only long enough to partake of a hasty breakfast before returning to her devotions. This girl, and the same statement will apply to all, is perfectly bewitched by the supposed Godly character of Mrs. Martin. boldly proclaim that their Christ will save the world. In a year she will have thousands at her feet begging her for par on a the benediction of God. From him dropped at various dropped at various times, the Windless

FORM" can be surmised nost to a certainty.

The disciples assemble in the front room of the house, on the second floor. The apartment is but dimly lighted, and the occupants have difficulty in distinguishing each other's faces. Mrs. Martin, the divinity, occupies a seat in the center or at the end of the room, with an open Bible in her hand. She is surrounded by the perfect, who begin singing in a low tone, full of emotion and tenderness. As the song reside on Walnut Hills with their other daughter, Mrs. John F. Brooke.

It was ascertained yesterday that the father and mother are also as the same satisfied. The deity is silent until the music is ended, and then she thanks a passage from the results of the same satisfied. strange weird cadences, which causes the listeners to feel a sort of uncontrollable ecstasy. Sometimes Mrs. Martin quotes parsages of Scripture in her natural voice, and again she closes the precious Book with the re-"I have nothing for you tomark: night." It is said that the enthusiastic worshipers frequently fall upon their knees and kiss her hands and face in a paroxysm of joy. A service probably of this description was going on in that second-story front room Two men stood close under the south window in a vacant lot adjoining the premises. There appeared to be about twenty voices in the chorus. IT WAS DELIGHTFUL MUSIC, rich in soulfulness, and of inexpressi

ble aweetness. The voices blanded in

almost divine harmony, and the vocallsts sang with the most intense but suppressed fervor. After four or five songs had been rendered a hymn was sung to the tune of Home, Sweet Home. It reverberated upon the stilly night, and pedestrians on their way home paused to listen, chained to the spot spell bound while the delicious music lasted. A shadowy form of a woman kept vigil at a window, as if fearful of eavesdroppers, while two of the elect were in the portico, presumably detailed to prevent interruption from that quarter. Presently a low noise, as of a person in distress, was heard, and this was followed by a regular sound, produced in all probability by some one reading in measured, solemn cadences. The silence reigned for a few moments, and the dark nouse was to all intents descried. The singing was resumed, followed at a short interval by peculiar incantations from the central figure of the group. These weird manifestations led the two men to the conclusion, naturally enough, into the worship

that an element of spiritualism enthese people. The darkened room, the periods of absolute silence, the occasional strange sounds suggested the idea that the claim made by Mr. Jerome to the Enquirer man was actually taking place—the Martinites were seeing God face to fece. The services, or whatever the unknown proceedings may be termed, were con-tinued until near midnight, being at their hight about 10:30 o'clock. Finally

SEVERAL FORMS PLITTED ACROSS THE LAWN.

and into the street, others remaining behind as guests of the Brookes, and the Sunday night communion with the Almighty through His earthly representative was over. One of the votees remarked yesterday that this was the jubilee time of the society, and that hereafter, she intimated, the gatherings would be less frequent. "The opinion of substantial Christian people," said the Rev. F. H. Monfort, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, "is that these misguided folks are practicing the veriest folly. In my judgment it has gone far enough to bear investigation from the prope

authorities." Foundry Burned at Pittsburg Pittseurg, Pa., July 20.—The buildings occupied by the Union Machine and Foundry Company, on Preble avenue, Allegheny City, were entirely destroyed by fire this morning-together with a large amount of valuable machinery belonging to the creditors of the defunct Gill Car Works Company. Loss, \$300,000; fully insured. The origin of the fire is unWIND, RAIN AND HAIL.

SEVERE STORMS IN KANSAS AND NEBRASKA.

Considerable Damage to Property, but No Loss of Life Reported -Effect on the Crops.

GARDEN CITY, KAS., July 20,-A severe wind and rain storm struck Lakin, twenty-two miles west of here, Sunday evening about 5 o'clock, and demolished twenty houses and badly injuring some ten or twelve persons, but none fatally. The storm was not a cyclone, but a heavy straight wind. A very heavy rain visited Finney and adjoining counties on Sunday night, doing much good to the crops.

THE RAINS GENERAL. Topera, Kas., July 24.—During Sunday night and yesterday heavy rains fell over the Western two thirds of the State. At Nickerson a heavy wind prevailed also, and eighteen houses were blown down. The extreme Southwest has not been heard from, and the indications are that the whole State from north to south was These rains were heavy enough to save the corn crop and make a fair yield.

Rain, Wind and Hail in Nebraska OMAHA, NEB., July 20.—In Western Nebraska and Eastern Wyoming the rain, wind and hallstorm of about one hour's duration, which began at 5:15 o'clock last evening, near Pine Bluffs, Wyo, extending six miles east and two miles west of that place, blew down thirty telegraph poles and caused a weshout of the Union Pacific track, noroofed several houses, but hurt no person. Both the wires and road are in working order today. A dispatch from Minden, Kearney county, Neb., says: Yesterday's storm in this county was very severe There was a heavy rainfall. The wind blew down the Danish church, three miles south of Fredericksburg, and killed an old lady, Mrs. Monks. Nine miles south of Minden the lightning struck a house, killing Rasmus Dillet-son, a German farmer, his son, 17 years old, and daughter, 14 years old and severely injuring another child.

No damage to crops is reported. Wind Storm in Nebraska, CHICAGO, ILL., July 20.—A very severe wind storm prevailed in Western Nebraska last night, and great damage has been done by it. No particulars can be learned, as the telegraphic communication on the Union Pacific rail-road is entirely interrupted. Over a mile of telegraph poles have been blown down near Sidney.

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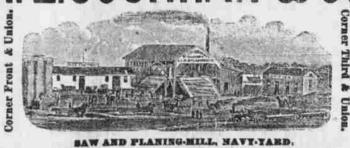
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REAL ESTATE.

No. 5322, R. D.—Chancery Court of Shelby county—State of Tennessee for use etc., vs. Mary E. Ashford et al.

By virtue of an interiocutory decree for sale entered in the above cause on the 4th day of January, 1895, M. E. 50, page 537, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, in front of the Clerk and Master's effice, courthouse of Shelby county, Memphis, Tenn., on

Saturday, July 31, 1886, legal hours, the following de-l property, situated in Shelby county scribed property, situated in Shelby county.
Tennessee, to wit: The south part of let 5,
block 38, fronting 35 feet on the east side of
St. Martin street by a depth of 219 feet, said
of being 150 feet north of Linden street.
Terms of Sale—On a credit of six months;
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CHANCERY SALE

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No. 5019, R. D.—Chancery Court of Shelby county.—State of Tennessee, etc., vs. Sarah Armstrong et al.

DY virtue of an interlocutory decree for D saie, entered in the above cause on the 4th day of June, 1876, M. B. 53, page 158, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, in front of the Clerk and Master's office, courthouse of Shelby county, Memphis, Tenn., on

Saturday, August 7, 1886, within legal hours, the following described preperty, situated in Shelby county, Tennessee, to-wit: A certain lot beginning at a stake on the west side of Ninth street 155 feet north of the north side of Carolina street; thence west and parallel with Carolina street iblig feet to a stake; thence north 25 feet to an alley; thence cast 161½ feet to west side of Ninth street; thence south 25 feet to the beginning.

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